

# Key road safety messages

At school, your child will learn about road safety as part of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

Help them practice the road safety messages they will learn at school by sharing them whenever you are out and about.

Early childhood	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (Kindergarten – Year 2)	Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)	Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
<b>Pedestrian safety</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always hold a grown-up's hand</li> <li>• When a grown-up's hand is not available, hold a pram, bag or clothes</li> <li>• Always cross the road with a grown-up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold a grown-up's hand when you cross the road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Stop! Look! Listen! Think!</i> every time you cross the road</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold a grown-up's hand when you're on the footpath</li> <li>• Hold a grown-up's hand when you're in a car park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a safe place to cross the road</li> </ul>	
<b>Passenger safety</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always buckle up safely</li> <li>• Always stay buckled up – awake or asleep</li> <li>• Always get in and out of the 'Safety Door'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Click, clack, front and back</li> <li>• Always buckle up safely</li> <li>• Get in and out of the car on the footpath side</li> <li>• Wait till the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road</li> </ul>		
<b>Safety on wheels</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always wear your helmet when riding your bike or wheeled toy</li> <li>• Always ask a grown-up where it is safe for you to play</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ride your bike away from the road</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ride your bike away from busy roads</li> </ul>	

# We need a hand around traffic

It takes many years for your child to develop an understanding of danger and how to keep safe. While children are often keen to do things for themselves, **an adult must always be responsible for them in the road environment.**

Your child may be able to recite safety slogans and tell you the rules about how to keep safe but won't always be able to apply them.

We think we can do things by ourselves but often we can't

Sometimes we can be easily distracted

Once we are moving, we find it hard to stop

We sometimes behave unpredictably

We might learn things by rote but this doesn't mean we know what to do

We are small and drivers may not be able to see us

We can't always work out where a sound is coming from and what this means

We often focus on just one thing at a time

We don't really understand ideas such as 'speed', 'distance' and 'safety'